



NEW DESIGN—Improved design for easier handling of U.S. savings bonds is displayed above by H. N. Mangels, left, president of the San Francisco Federal Reserve bank, and George W. Minnaugh, Oregon state director. They discussed the "new look" in the new punch-card bond which is designed according to recommendations made after a national survey among Federal Reserve banks and their issuing agents. The punch-card bond is shaped like a U.S. Treasury check, keyed with little perforations. The new features will effect substantial savings through automatic processing, Minnaugh said. The punch-card bond went on sale Oct. 1.

Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
Gauger-Naturalist

Dry fly fishing for trout, which is considered by many anglers the ultimate in sport fishing, is just about as old as the hills. A Macedonian mosaic of the Middle East portrays a royal angler skipping a dry fly on the water's surface and taking trout. Time? About 3,000 years ago.

Because fish have been such an important item in many people's diet, many other old-time unusual methods are being used today.

In the South Seas, I've seen Samoans catch fish on hand-made bone hooks. But their most dramatic catches are made at night. Then they go out to sea in their beautiful, light, swift,



outrigger canoes, carrying torches made of dried ribs of coconut leaves on which are threaded kukui nuts (candlenuts). The sea, teeming with countless varieties of fish, reflects the ruby glow of the torches and the inquisitive fish are lured to the light by the hundreds and netted. As the nets are drawn together, the bigger fish—such as 50-pound tuna—will be speared to save the nets. Poisonous fish—and there are many—are discarded.

Fittingly, when a good catch has been made the entire village joins in the feasting, dancing and singing.

Deep in the heart of the Sudan, fish are the favorite midday meal. Two men will go out in a canoe and harpoon their catch, tossing the speared fish into the boat between them.

On our West Coast, the Totem-pole Indians of Queen Charlotte Islands, live mainly on fish—catching many halibut, salmon, cod and herring. Most of the salmon are caught in nets as the fish go upriver to spawn. Others are caught on bone fishhooks. But their most interesting fish is a little fellow—the olachs which is taken for its oil.

No Easy Matter
Because these Haida Indians have only cedarwood utensils—no earthenware or metal pots—rendering the fat of the olachs is no easy matter. They build a big fire and put stones on it. Then an old-hollowed-out wooden canoe, or wooden tub, is filled with water and many little fish are thrown in. When the stones become almost red hot in the fire, they are tossed into the water. Gradually, the water becomes hot and as more red-hot

Movie Crowds Off; More Theaters Built

Chicago — **U**—Movie attendance dropped last year but more theaters were built. And theater owners looked forward to making more money.

These seeming paradoxes were reported by Encyclopaedia Britannica in its new year book.

Average weekly attendance at movie theaters in the United States dropped from 45 million to 42 million in 1956.

But theater owners anticipated better profits because of new relief from federal excise taxes.

Last year the industry counted a total of 19,200 movie theaters, and most of the new ones were drive-ins. The number of drive-ins has grown from 811 in 1948 to 4,587 in 1956.

Air Borne Infection Spreads Ringworm

Chicago — **U**—The American Veterinary Medical Association believes possible air-borne infection and vitamin A deficiency play an important role in the spread of ringworm in animals. Veterinary experiments with cattle herds—one a control herd and one an experimental herd infected with ringworm—demonstrated numerous factors in the incidence of ringworm in animals, the association said.

These factors included concentration of animals in an unsanitary environment, natural healing processes, dietary inadequacies and resistance.

Researchers said a higher incidence of ringworm was noted in winter, due chiefly to the concentration of animals in an infective environment.

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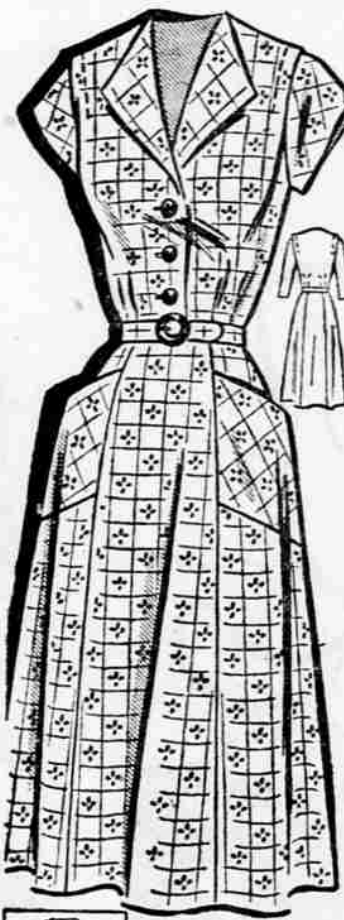
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Educators Report Excellent Results With Experiment

Peterborough, N. H. — **U**—Educators here report excellent results with an experimental program designed to aid children who are handicapped by inability to learn reading, writing and spelling as quickly as other subjects.

Robert J. Filbin, helping teaching in the office of Superintendent of Schools Lester B. Badger, said about 10 per cent of otherwise normal school-age youngsters suffer from what is termed a "specific language disability."

Filbin said the disability in no way indicates an intelligence lack. But he said this type of child often is ambidextrous and sometimes stutters or has some other impediment, such as reversing words like "was" and "saw."

Cautious Approach

The technique used to teach these youngsters here was developed by Anna Gillingham of Bronxville, N. Y. Filbin said the system stresses an "alphabetic approach."

"We begin by teaching the children a few letters comprising one or two short vowel sounds and consonants that have only unequivocal sounds and forms which do not become another letter if reversed (as b and d)," Filbin said.

"When these letters are known by their names and sounds they can be made into words—synthetic phonics," he said. "Slowly new letters and letter combinations are introduced and new words are added and finally used in sentences."

"These specific language disability children respond to this type of instruction readily and develop skill in reading, writing and spelling which they might not do if instructed otherwise," he added.

Usual Method For Most

(Filbin stressed that only "approximately" 10 per cent of the Peterborough students are given the special instruction and that the rest receive the usual method of instruction used in most American schools. The United Press reported erroneously in an earlier dispatch that 90 per cent

The Hollywood Scene

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Hollywood—**U**—Gisele Mackenzie has found a solution for video stars who tire of the public limelight. "Go to Europe," she advises, "people over there don't know TV stars from Adam."



Vernon Scott

owly songbird found all the privacy she wanted.

"Too much, in fact," she laughed. "I got lonesome over there."

"In most countries television still is a novelty. American programs are rare except in England. The only people who stop and stare are American tourists—the same characters who stare at you over here."

After four years on "Your Hit Parade," Gisele has moved to her own half-hour variety show. Her backer: Jack Benny.

Benny Gives Advice

"Mr. Benny advised me a year ago it was time to strike out on my own," she said. "He said either you move ahead or slide back in television. And if you're standing still you're losing ground."

"So now Mr. Benny's company, J-M Productions, is producing my show on NBC. He will do all the script editing himself."

"Mr. Benny will be a guest star on the program a little later on in the season, too. His participation has given me a lot of confidence in myself and the show."

Benny has played a large role in Gisele's career. He spotted her first singing with Bob Crosby in a Las Vegas hotel. When he

of the Peterborough students were profiting from the new instruction system.)

Teachers from other communities have been invited to sit in on a series of "in-service-training-meetings" held weekly. Filbin said the experimental reading program has produced favorable reaction from visitors from many school systems throughout New England.

Mexico May Raise California Potatoes

Davis, Calif. — **U**—A "natural greenhouse" in Mexico may be the ultimate source of better sweet potato varieties for California production, a plant scientist at the University of California at Davis reports.

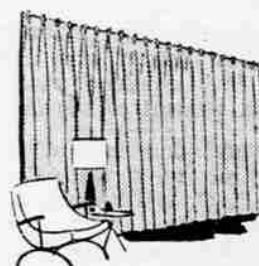
G. C. Hanna, a vegetable crops specialist, is carrying on research at the Mexican agricultural field station near Vera Cruz on Mexico's Gulf coast, where growing conditions are ideal.

Hanna and some Mexican co-workers have planted several plots of different sweet potato varieties. With bees, long days, and the year-round blooming season, cross pollination occurs naturally.

The multitude of natural crosses produced has enabled Hanna to bring seeds from the best of these back to Davis. Eventually, the best varieties may be accepted for commercial production.

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